

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

AND
Superintending School Committee

OF THE
TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER,

For the Municipal Year 1880.

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TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER,

From March 1st, 1880, to March 7th, 1881.

BY THE SELECTMEN.

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1880.

CLERK.

JOSEPH CLEAVES.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE, JAMES M. THOMPSON,
AMOS H. NEVENS.

TREASURER.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CHARLES P. HASKELL, JOHN I. STURGIS,
GEORGE B. PIERCE.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of New Gloucester, for the year ending March 7th, 1881, is herewith presented.

Total valuation for the year 1880,	\$796,930 00
Number of polls, 344.	

Money assessed for the year 1880 :

For State tax,	\$4,248 59	
For County tax,	955 96	
		5,204 55
Support of town schools,	\$1,525 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,100 00	
Building new school house,	800 00	
Repair of school houses,	200 00	
Repair of roads and bridges,	1,500 00	
Overlaying,	290 38	
Supplemental,	30 00	
		5,445 38
Delinquent highway tax returned,		124 92

Total amount committed to Collector,	\$10,774 85
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Rate of taxation :

Money tax, 12 1-2 mills on a dollar.

Poll tax, \$2.00.

Total amount of receipts for 1880, as per Treasurer's Report,	\$11,969 30
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Collector's fees for 1879,		\$40 91
for the repair of roads and bridges for 1879,	\$246 68	
for the repair of roads and bridges for 1880,	1,374 68	
		\$1,621 31

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1879.

Paid Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers
of the Poor :

Otis C. Nelson,	\$73 68
John W. True,	74 25
Charles P. Haskell,	61 50

Paid Superintending School Committee :

George B. Pierce,	29 50
C. P. Haskell,	15 75
J. G. Leavitt,	23 25

Paid Constable : B. W. Merrill, 15 00 |

\$292 93
200 53

Interest on town orders,

Abatements on assessments for 1877, \$20 11

Abatements on assessments for 1878, 65 11

Abatements on assessments for 1879, 52 97

Abatements to tax payers of School

District No. 10, for 1880, Ammi

Wells and Elbridge Titcomb, as

voted by the town, 22 66

\$160 85

TOWN FARM.

Paid I. H. Keith, for supplies, \$103 24

Agent's salary for 1879, 250 00

Mary Kidder, for cart body, 8 00

J. W. Mitchell, for supplies, 40

Chas. A. Andrews, salary as agent
for 1880, 300 00

Agent to balance account, 71 28

B. W. Merrill, for one yoke oxen, 125 00

\$857 92

Paupers not on the farm, having a settlement
in town :

Paid town of Gray, for supplies fur-
nished Sawyer Harris, \$3 50

I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished
Clarissa Berry, 9 37

Paid I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished		
Rebecca F. Berry,	\$5 18	
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished		
Frank Carpenter,	2 00	
Geo. Blake, for supplies furnished		
Moses Welsh,	5 00	
Geo. Blake, for supplies furnished		
Frank Carpenter,	20 00	
Lafayette Tenney, for board and care of J. A. Verrill, 1879 and 1880,	53 00	
George Blake, for supplies fur- nished Frank Carpenter,	7 00	
Sewall Gross, for supplies fur- nished Frank Carpenter,	5 00	
Sewall Gross, for supplies fur- nished Dorcas Pickett,	10 00	
Sewall Gross, for supplies fur- nished Moses Welsh,	7 50	
town of Poland, for supplies fur- nished Jabez and Frank Car- penter,	11 00	
J. F. Wescott, for wood for Dor- cas Pickett,	11 50	
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Clarissa Berry,	18 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical at- tendance for the year 1879,	48 00	
	—	\$216 05
Paupers having no settlement in town:		
Paid F. C. Dolley, for medical attend- ance on Evelena Strout, Ray- mond pauper,	\$8 75	
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished G. W. Haskell, East Livermore pauper,	29 00	
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished H. S. Edwards, Casco pauper,	21 75	

Paid I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished	
J. N. Strout, Raymond pauper,	\$18 09
J. W. Mitchell, for supplies furnished	
G. W. Haskell, East Livermore pauper,	5 00
George Blake, for supplies furnished	
Timothy Berry, Poland pauper,	7 00
J. W. Mitchell, for supplies furnished	
Charles R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	9 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on	
Otis G. Verrill, Poland pauper, for 1879,	10 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on	
J. N. Strout's family, Raymond pauper,	6 25
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on	
Clarissa J. Sawyer, Oxford pauper,	6 00
George Blake, for supplies furnished	
A. J. Marston, Gray pauper,	5 00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished	
J. E. Whitney, Portland pauper,	3 00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished	
Wm. E. Thurlow and family, Raymond and Phillips paupers,	15 00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished	
Abner T. Strout, Gray pauper,	6 00
Cyrus Larrabee, for care of Mrs. R.	
M. Larrabee, Princeton pauper,	3 00
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	\$152 84

Paupers having no settlement in the State:

Paid Charles H. N. Rowe, for care of	
tramps for 1879,	\$2 00
J. W. True, for care of tramps,	1 00
B. W. Merrill, for pauper expenses,	5 00
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	\$8 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid W. H. Waldron & Co., for printing and binding Report for 1879,	\$34 12
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for books and stationery,	7 55
Jos. Cleaves, for recording births and deaths,	9 72
Otis C. Nelson, for services and expenses to Augusta,	8 30
B. W. Merrill, for sealing weights,	1 50
Henry F. Perry, for printing and framing school laws,	10 15
Sewall N. Martin, for removing bodies, changing gate, etc., in cemetery, Upper Gloucester,	8 00
Nicholas Rideout, damage caused by public traveling across his farm in 1879,	12 00
B. J. R. Small, for rent of pound,	4 00
J. P. Eveleth, for setting glass in Town House windows,	1 25
J. W. True, for postage and stationery,	4 68
J. W. True, for contingent expenses,	1 30
M. R. Berry, for printing notices in 1879,	75
J. M. Thompson, for postage and stationery,	35
B. W. Merrill, cash advanced to pay for public watering tubs,	18 00
P. A. Downing, for damage to plow while working on the highway in 1879,	5 00
E. M. Morgan, bal. due for building school houses in 1878,	25 00

Paid Henry L. Lunt, for drawing plans for hearse house, and revising plans and specifications for school house in 1879,	\$8 40	
B. Holt, for running out school house lots in 1879,	2 00	
	—	\$162 07

REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid B. Holt for cedar shingles,	\$4 50	
Alvah Morse, for lead, oil, and labor on school house,	6 00	
Silas C. Bickford, for labor and cash paid out on school house, District No. 13,	7 50	
Frank Nichols, for repairs on school house, District No. 5,	5 25	
J. Frank Polister, for painting school house No. 5,	8 44	
Herman Webber, for painting school house, District No. 8,	6 00	
I. H. Keith, for white lead, oil, etc., for school houses No. 5 and 8,	33 61	
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	20 12	
	—	\$91 42

TOWN SCHOOLS.

Paid for support of town schools as per bills approved by Superintend- ing School Committee,	\$3,212 19
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Building new school house :

Paid Hewitt Chandler, to build school house in District No. 9, as per vote of town,	800 00
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Payment of money hired by the town :

Paid Otis C. Nelson, for money loaned	
the town in 1878,	\$500 00
Otis C. Nelson, for money loaned	
the town in 1879,	110 00
S. H. Chandler, for money loaned	
the town in 1879,	1,600 00
John Eveleth, for money loaned	
the town in 1880,	400 00
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	\$2,610 00
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Total amount of expenditures,	\$10,427 02
Leaving a balance in the hands of	
Collector and Treasurer,	1,542 28

RESOURCES.

Amount in hands of Collector and	
Treasurer,	\$1,542 28
State mill tax, due January 1st, 1881,	458 39
State school fund for 1880,	182 35
New Gloucester School fund, due April	
23, 1880,	42 00
New Gloucester School fund, due April	
23, 1881,	259 49
Due from the town of East Livermore,	15 00
" " Oxford,	6 00
" " Raymond,	45 60
" " Phillips,	2 50
" " Baldwin,	33 86
" Parker M. Sawyer, for wood,	5 00
Mrs. Susan Cobb's note,	15 00
Liquor and casks, as per bill,	74 26
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	\$2,681 73

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	\$3 93
Amount due the schools,	999 33

Collector's fees for 1880,	\$107 74	
Town Officers' bills for 1880 (estimated),	245 00	
Outstanding bills for 1880 (estimated),	27 25	
Outstanding road bills for 1880, approved by Road Commissioner,	362 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,745 95
Balance in favor of the town after deducting liabilities,		935 78

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE IN DISTRICT No. 9.

Paid for lime and cement,	\$17 65	
5 M. brick,	45 00	
70 ft. underpinning,	17 50	
mason work,	29 00	
mouldings,	12 82	
clapboards, shingles, and laths,	91 75	
freight,	6 00	
iron roofing,	29 65	
register and ventilator,	30 30	
windows, doors, and frames,	46 00	
12 M. hemlock lumber,	108 00	
2½ M. pine,	50 00	
lease of land,	25 00	
hardware,	54 02	
2 qts. liquid slate,	5 00	
painting,	65 00	
blinds,	8 05	
11 single and 3 double desks,	38 03	
3 settees,	6 00	
5 chairs,	3 00	
freight,	2 50	
sundries,	4 50	
team, and grading lot,	20 00	
labor,	279 00	
teachers' desk,	8 00	
stove,	32 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,034 02

By amount voted by the town,	\$800 00	
By amount donated to the town by the United Society of Friends,	234 02	
	<hr/>	\$1034 02
HEWITT CHANDLER, SAMUEL KENDRICK, <i>Building Committee.</i>		

REPAIR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES FOR 1880.

Paid by order on bills, approved by the Road Commissioner,	\$1,374 68	
Amount of unpaid bills, approved by Road Commissioner,	362 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,737 38
Amount appropriated by the town,		1,500 00
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Balance against the town,		\$237 38

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS, <i>Agent.</i>	DR.
To amount paid for supplies by Agent,	\$628 41
Paid J. W. Mitchell, for supplies,	40
Mrs. Kidder, for cart body,	8 00
B. W. Merrill, for oxen,	125 00
Agent's salary,	300 00
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	\$1,061 81
	CR.
By amount of sales from the farm,	\$453 89
improvements on tools, etc., from last year,	60 00
value of stock more than last year,	50 00
value of produce more than last year,	171 50
received from the town of Vas- salboro,	3 00
due from the town of Baldwin,	33 86
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	\$772 25
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Balance against the farm,	\$289 56

Amount of stock and supplies on the farm: 1 horse, 1 yoke oxen, 6 cows, 1 two-year old, 11 sheep, 25 fowls, 2 swine, 15 tons hay, 60 bushels corn, 75 bushels potatoes, 200 pounds pork, 200 pounds beef, 1 1-2 barrels soap, 40 bushels oats, 8 bushels beans, 45 pounds cheese, and lard, butter, and vegetables sufficient for the family's use.

We have engaged Charles A. Andrews and wife to take charge of the farm again for the ensuing year. The number of poor on the farm is five.

In our visits to the farm we have always found the house clean, the inmates contented, and those that were able at work. The Overseer and his wife, we are satisfied, have done their best for the comfort of the poor and for the interest of the town. Their work shows that they have labored hard and are well qualified for the position they hold, and under different circumstances we have no doubt would have made a much better showing for the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. TRUE,
J. M. THOMPSON,
A. H. NEVENS,

Selectmen of New Gloucester.

COLLECTOR AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

By balance due the town February	
16th, 1880,	\$4,133 19
cash received from town of Poland,	91 49
cash received from New Gloucester	
schools,	270 75
cash received from C. P. Haskell,	
for school books,	85
cash received from the town of Gray,	12 00
cash received from Joel Stevens'	
heirs, highway taxes for 1879,	70
cash received from Agent on town	
farm,	105 00
cash received from Rufus Titecomb,	
for highway taxes of 1879,	35
cash received from Charles Milli-	
ken, for highway taxes of 1879,	26
cash received from J. L. Megquier,	
for town measures,	50
cash received from J. T. Small &	
Co., for auctioneer's license,	2 00
cash received from John Eveleth,	
money loaned,	400 00
cash received from the town of	
Princeton,	62 00
cash received from the town of	
Raymond,	72 70
cash received from Milton T. Holt,	
auctioneer's license,	2 00
cash received from City of Portland,	3 00
cash received from town of Vas-	
salboro,	3 00
cash received from State school	
fund for 1879,	200 58

By cash received from mill tax, due		
January 1st, 1880,	\$462	69
cash received from Railroad tax of		
1878, due January 1st, 1880,	483	19
cash received from East Livermore,	43	00
cash received from A. Buck, for old		
school house,	10	00
cash received from town of Poland,	7	00
amount of taxes assessed for town		
purposes,	5,570	30
cash received from town of Casco,	21	75
cash received from town of Gray,	11	00
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Total amount of receipts,	\$11,969	30
	DR.	
To amount paid by order of Select-		
men,	\$10,427	02
To balance in hands of Collector and		
Treasurer, Feb. 21st, 1881,	1,542	28
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	\$11,969	30

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL,
Collector and Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOLS.

Amount of capital April 23d, 1880,	\$4,529	26
To amount of interest due the town by		
vote of Trustees,	\$258	75
Amount due the town for 1879,	12	00
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	270	75
By amount paid the town,	\$228	75
One note, interest not paid,	42	00
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	270	75
There will be due, April 23d, 1881, for		
the support of schools,	259	49

B. W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester:

The Superintending School Committee of New Gloucester would respectfully ask leave to submit their annual report.

We would invite your attention first to the statistical and financial standing of your schools.

The whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, on the first day of April, 1880,	440
Whole number of scholars attending Summer Schools,	220
Average number,	186
Whole number of scholars attending Fall Schools,	221
Average number,	183
Whole number of scholars attending Winter Schools,	251
Average number,	212

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. scholars registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Juliette Bailey.	20	17	10	\$3 00		\$2 50	\$55 00
2	Abbie E. Goddard.	39	32	10	4 50		2 50	70 00
3	Mariana C. Bailey.	26	21	10	4 50		2 00	65 00
4	Edith True.	17	15	10	3 00		2 00	50 00
5	Flora P. Martin.	11	8	10	3 00		2 00	50 00
6	Sadie M. Harris.	34	27	10	3 50		2 00	55 00
7	Maggie Eveleth.	25	19	10	3 00		2 00	50 00
8	Sophia P. Stevens.	16	12	10	3 00		2 00	50 00
9	No Summer Term.							
10	Annexed to Poland.							
11	Nellie Nevens.	6	4	10	2 50		2 00	45 00
12	Georgia A. Davis.	12	10	10	3 00		2 00	50 00
13	Cora E. Thayer.	14	11	10	2 75		1 75	45 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, \$585.

FALL TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. scholars registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Juliette Bailey.	14	11	8	\$3 75		\$2 25	\$48 00
2	Sara J. Holland.	38	32	8	5 00		2 50	60 00
3	Mariana C. Bailey.	27	22	8	4 50		2 00	52 00
4	Abbie E. Jordan.	19	17	8	3 50		1 50	40 00
5	Georgie A. Davis.	14	12	8	3 00		2 00	40 00
6	Sadie M. Harris.	31	24	8	3 50		2 00	44 00
7	Etta Davis.	26	21	8	3 25		1 75	40 00
8	Cora E. Thayer.	18	16	8	3 00		2 00	40 00
9	No Fall Term.							
10	Annexed to Poland.							
11	Nellie Nevens.	7	5	8	2 50		2 00	36 00
12	Edith True.	12	10	8	3 00		2 00	40 00
13	Flora P. Martin.	15	13	8	2 75		1 75	36 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, \$476.

WINTER TERM.

1	Juliette Bailey.	18	15	12	\$4 50		\$2 25	\$81 00
2	F. S. Sampson.	41	34	11		\$35 00	3 25	132 00
3	Mariana C. Bailey.	32	26	12	6 00		2 00	96 00
4	Abbie E. Goddard.	22	17	12	5 00		2 50	90 00
5	Lilla M. Sandford.	17	15	12	5 50		3 00	102 00
6	O. L. Gile.	34	32	12		32 50	3 25	136 50
7	Etta Davis.	12	9	12	4 00		2 00	72 00
8	Carrie B. Watts.	17	15	12	4 00		2 00	72 00
9	Aurelia G. Mace.	21	20	12	4 00		2 00	72 00
10	Annexed to Poland.							
11	Sadie M. Harris.	8	6	12	4 00		2 00	72 00
12	Edith True.	15	12	12	4 00		2 25	75 00
13	Georgia A. Davis.	14	11	12	4 00		2 00	72 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, \$1,072.50.

RESOURCES.

Amount in the Treasury March 1st, 1880, available for school purposes after all outstanding bills were paid,	\$398 16
Amount voted by the town,	1,525 00
Received from State mill tax, due Jan. 1st, 1880,	462 69
Received from State school fund,	182 35
Received from school fund,	258 75
Due from non-residents, for tuition,	7 68
	— \$2,834 63

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' wages for Summer schools, including board,	\$585 00
teachers' wages for Fall schools, including board,	476 00
teachers' wages for Winter schools, including board,	1,072 50
for wood for the year 1880,	18 63
for cleaning school houses,	9 00
for care of school houses,	34 00
for contingent expenses,	27 71
P. A. Collar, for stove for School No. 11,	12 00
for insurance,	96 00
C. W. Dunn, for proportion of money due District No. 10 for 1880,	37 94
Frank Edwards and George S. Wilson, for proportion of school money for 1880,	22 03
Due for wood contracted for, for use in 1881,	108 74
for outstanding bills, estimated at	25 00
Total amount of expenditures for the year 1880,	<u>\$2,524 55</u>
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	<u>\$310 08</u>

Our schools during the past year have not, in every case, been all that we could wish; yet, as will be seen by the following reports, speaking in general terms, they have been very successful.

SCHOOL No. 1.—LOWER CORNER.

The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Juliette Bailey of Industry. Miss Bailey is a very pleasant teacher, and interested in her work. The progress of this school was fully up to the average. But as several pupils residing within these school limits, receive their instruction at a private institution, thereby removing some of our best material, the interest in this school is not what it might otherwise be, and the teacher's work is consequently rendered less efficient.

SCHOOL No. 2.—UPPER CORNER.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Abbie E. Goddard of Canton. Miss Goddard is perfectly at home in the school-room, and knows how to awaken an interest in her pupils for their school work. They were very prompt in all their recitations, and showed a good knowledge of what they had been over.

Miss Sara J. Holland, of Auburn, taught the Fall Term with a

good degree of success. Her order was good, and her instruction thorough, obliging her pupils to master facts and principles with but few explanations.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. F. S. Sampson of Auburn. His school was more orderly than preceding Winter Terms. Some of his classes accomplished a fine amount of work, others not so much as we wished to see. There was not that lively interest in the school, and that promptness and accuracy in recitation that is so desirable.

SCHOOL No. 3.—BALD HILL.

Miss Mariana C. Bailey, of Industry, has had charge of this school for the past two years, with the exception of one term, to the satisfaction of nearly every one in the district. We regard the present Winter Term as a very profitable one, showing very conclusively the wisdom and advantage of employing a good and faithful teacher for several terms in succession.

SCHOOL No. 4.—COBB'S BRIDGE.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Edith True, who is one of the most successful of our young teachers. Her school was orderly, well arranged, and good progress was made by the pupils in the various studies.

Miss Abbie E. Jordan taught the Fall Term. This was Miss Jordan's first work in the school-room, but we found her school well organized, and good interest manifested by both teacher and pupils, and we predicted a successful term's work. The school was not visited a second time.

The results of the Winter Term, taught by Miss Abbie E. Goddard, were such as, from her well-known ability, might have been expected. The deportment of this school was excellent.

SCHOOL No. 5.—BEAR BROOK.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Flora P. Martin. The discipline was good, though, without just grounds, some may possibly have thought it as being too forbidding. The progress of the pupils was also good.

The Fall Term, taught by Miss Georgia A. Davis, was a very pleasant and profitable one. Her government while mild was yet firm. The closing examination was exceptionally entertaining.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Lilla M. Sandford of Farmingdale. Miss Sandford has had much experience, and is a very successful teacher. Her school made excellent progress and gave entire satisfaction to all.

SCHOOL No. 6.—HARRIS HILL.

Miss Sadie M. Harris, as teacher of both Summer and Fall Terms, fully maintained her previously well-earned reputation.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. O. L. Gile of Lewiston. This term was very successful. The able and faithful work of the teacher was rewarded by the increased interest of both pupils and parents and the steady progress of this school.

SCHOOL No. 7.—HEAD OF THE POND.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Maggie Eveleth. Her method of instruction was thorough, and the more advanced pupils made good progress, but the less advanced and smaller ones did not show as much advancement as we could wish. We think a little more animation on the part of the teacher, and the exercise of social qualities towards her pupils would have added to the merits of this school.

The Fall and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Etta Davis, who succeeded in making each term pleasant and profitable. This was Miss Davis' first attempt at teaching, and she has many excellent qualifications for a first-class teacher.

SCHOOL No. 8.—WEBBER'S.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Sophia Stevens. Although this was her first experience as a teacher in our schools, we found her perfectly at home in her school-room, securing the good will and respect of her pupils without apparent effort, and as a result we had a well governed and interested school. Particular attention was given to map drawing, and a fine specimen, the work of her pupils, adorns her school-room.

The Fall Term, taught by Miss Cora E. Thayer, was visited but once, when everything indicated a pleasant and profitable term, and we were convinced that she would sustain her previous good reputation.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Carrie B. Watts. Again we find in this school a teacher thoroughly interested in her work, and pupils manifesting a good degree of thoroughness and proficiency.

SCHOOL No. 9.—SHAKER'S.

This school held only a Winter Term, presided over by Miss Aurelia G. Mace, who has had much experience in this department, having taught forty-two terms before; and the same good work which has ever crowned her efforts, has this term added another laurel to her well-earned teacher's wreath.

SCHOOL No. 11.—MEADOW BROOK.

The Summer and Fall Terms were taught by Miss Nellie Nevens. This was her first experience in teaching, but her work showed the possession of that ready tact and good judgment, which, with her excellent scholarship, form the elements of a good teacher. Under more favorable circumstances she would doubtless develop fine teaching power. It is difficult in so small a school to create and maintain a high degree of interest on the part of the pupils, yet this school made fair progress.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Sadie M. Harris, and the same good work done in her Summer and Fall schools was continued here.

SCHOOL No. 12.—PENNEY'S.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Georgia A. Davis, and the Fall and Winter Terms by Miss Edith True. The good results which have followed the labors of both of these teachers elsewhere, were manifested here. Considerable interest was shown, and good progress made by this school. The good deportment of the pupils throughout the entire school year is worthy of special mention.

SCHOOL No. 13.—BICKFORD'S.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Cora E. Thayer. This was her third successful term in this school. Her pupils showed an earnestness to accomplish all they could.

Miss Flora P. Martin taught the Fall Term, and she entered upon her duties with an enthusiastic determination which means success, and which we are glad to be able to say rewarded her efforts.

Near the beginning of the Winter Term, which was taught by Miss Georgia A. Davis, some trouble arose, occasioned by an unwillingness of a few of the larger pupils to comply with the teacher's requirements, and possibly a little injudicious action on the part of the teacher, resulting in three of the pupils leaving school, thereby interrupting to some extent the good work we had anticipated.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy, or whispered during the Winter Terms: John Wells, Willie Snow, Burton D. Weymouth, Frank Potter, Sarah Webber, Eliza Ward, Nellie Thayer, Lizzie Witham, Carrie V. Buck.

The following pupils have not been absent or tardy during the Winter Terms: Fred B. Blake, Herbert Blake, Albert H. Sawyer, H. Scott Libby, Henry Jordan, Hattie J. Higgins, Elvira M. Bickford, Susie Day, Mellie H. Grover, Mary S. Waterman, Jennie Stickney, Adda Waterman, Eva L. Frank, Maud Gammon, Ada A. Curtis, Sadie Stewart, Clara Stewart, Marrion Pratt, Nellie Gray, Eva Bell

Towne, Georgia A. Rowe, Minnie Pratt, Bessie Wyman, Ida W. Wyman, Charles L. Rice.

The following pupils have not whispered during the present Winter Terms: Elias Filiasian, Fred Higgins, Mary C. Haskell, Bertha Eveleth, Clara Small, Orie R. Fogg, Nettie Hill, Clara True, Ella M. Ward, Sadie Irish, Cora E. Thayer, Achsah Bennett.

As our public schools are supported by taxes laid on all the people, it is their primary design to afford to all the advantages of an education in those branches of learning absolutely essential to meet the practical necessities of common life, and to qualify every pupil to intelligently and safely wield the power which is the vested right of every American citizen,—for upon the success of our free public schools depends the perpetuity of our cherished institutions.

It is with regret we have seen a tendency on the part of many pupils, encouraged by fond parents, and too often by teachers, to treat as of but little consequence, studies that are unavoidably useful and practical for all, in order to intelligently meet the demands of even the average business and social life, and to reach beyond, spending even limited school opportunities in seeking knowledge from sources that will shed little or no useful light on life's pathway that many must tread, and which from the superficial manner in which it is necessarily sought, and lack of opportunity to put it to a practical test, soon rusts and ere long is forgotten.

To avoid this waste of effort it would be well, could a standard of study be fixed, embracing those branches, a fair knowledge of which it is imperatively necessary every person should possess, and for no pupil to be allowed to go beyond until he has attained the fixed standard, and then throw wide open every opportunity our schools can afford for the pursuit of knowledge in any direction the pupils or their friends might desire.

It is difficult to clearly see how we can avail ourselves of all the advantages afforded by graded schools; but, with some approximate advance in this direction, undoubtedly our present system is the best that for a time we can adopt. By making liberal appropriations so as to continue three terms per year, and by a judicious selection and assignment of teachers, there is no reason why any and all pupils who desire, may not receive in our schools, at least, as good an English education as is afforded by the High Schools of our larger towns and cities.

There has been a partial change of text-books the past year. Appleton's series of readers have been introduced in place of Hillard's which had been in use a long time. The terms of exchange were so favorable that all pupils could be supplied with a reader free of cost. Swinton's condensed History of the United States was also introduced

at the beginning of the Winter Terms. A great degree of interest was taken in this eminently useful but much neglected study, stimulated in part perhaps by prizes offered for the best oral recitation. At a public exhibition, at which nearly all the schools were represented, the high order of the recitations, without a single exception, afforded conclusive proof of the ability and faithfulness of the teachers' work, the interest taken by the pupils, and the success which crowned their efforts. The large attendance of citizens throughout the entire day and evening, gave evidence of an interest in their schools, and this particular branch of learning, such as has seldom been seen. We may safely conclude that in this direction a good and great work has been accomplished.

The duty of parents to frequently visit their schools, is almost wholly neglected. Could they but partially realize the stimulating effect it has on their children, and the encouragement it affords the teacher, fathers would rest for a little season from their daily labors, and mothers would take their work if necessary, and often spend an afternoon in the school-room. It is much to be desired that the coming year may witness a revival of interest among parents befitting the sum of money they are expending, and the great issues at stake, not only for their children, but for the community as well; and that, though uninvited and unannounced, remembering that teachers and school officers are but their humble servants, will avail themselves of frequent opportunities, by personal examination, to see the manner in which their appropriations are used, and witness the proficiency of their schools.

There has been a new school house built the past year for the Shaker School, which in all its appointments is equal, if not superior, to any other school-room in town. Two school houses have been painted on the outside, and one has been shingled. Speaking collectively, the school houses are in good condition, though new furniture for three would not be unacceptable, yet it is not at present a necessity. The Bickford school house is in a questionable condition, and ere long something must be done for the better accommodation of that school. The school house at the Lower Corner needs to be placed in a better location, and put in as good repair as other school houses in town. A small appropriation will, doubtless, be needed to provide for outside painting, and good policy requires that all demands of this kind should be promptly met.

The school-rooms, with scarcely an exception, have been models of neatness, and the care taken by teachers and pupils to preserve the school houses and furniture from defacement, is worthy of special commendation.

CHAS. P. HASKELL,
JOHN I. STURGIS,
GEORGE B. PIERCE,

Superintending School Committee.

New Gloucester, Feb. 28, 1881.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

TO BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a Constable of the town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the seventh day of March, A.D. 1881, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1ST.

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2D.

To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3D.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4TH.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5TH.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6TH.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ARTICLE 7TH.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 8TH.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 9TH.

To see in what manner the sum of money voted for the repair of roads and bridges shall be raised.

ARTICLE 10TH.

To see what sum the town will vote to allow per hour for labor on the highway for men, oxen, and horses.

ARTICLE 11TH.

To see if the town will vote to petition the Legislature to authorize it to elect a Representative for such portion of time and such periods as shall be equal to its representation.

ARTICLE 12TH.

To see if the town will vote to enlarge and repair the Town House, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 13TH.

To see if the town will vote to repair the Town House, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 14TH.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a Town House, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 15TH.

To see if the town will vote to sell lots in the cemeteries to non-residents.

ARTICLE 16TH.

To see if the town will vote to choose a Superintendent of Burials instead of Sextons.

ARTICLE 17TH.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the cemeteries and hearse in repair.

ARTICLE 18TH.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the hearse, and what sum of money you will vote for the same.

ARTICLE 19TH.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to erect and repair guide-boards throughout the town.

ARTICLE 20TH.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot, and remove and repair the school house in District No. 1, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 21ST.

To see if the town will vote to allow George S. Wilson and Francis Edwards to draw their proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 22D.

To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised.

ARTICLE 23D.

To see if the town will require the Collector, at the next annual settlement, to give to the Treasurer a well-secured, interest-bearing note for all uncollected taxes due the town.

ARTICLE 24TH.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school houses in repair.

ARTICLE 25TH.

To see if the town will vote to have its annual report printed.

ARTICLE 26TH.

To see if the town will vote to refund the amount of taxes paid by William Witham, Jr., on personal property not in his possession.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at New Gloucester, this 24th day of February, A.D. 1881.

JOHN W. TRUE,
J. M. THOMPSON,
A. H. NEVENS,

Selectmen of New Gloucester.



